

City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas
Regular City Council Meeting
July 18, 2006

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Mayor Davis noted that the first Tuesday was a holiday which caused court and then the Council meeting to each be moved one week later in the month that normal.

There was a moment of silence to honor the late Lt. Governor Win Rockefeller.

Mayor Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Davis, Recorder-Treasurer Curt Wilson, Aldermen Robin Baker, James Smith, Dave Holsomback and Diane Everett. Alderman Mike Kemp and City Attorney Patrick Benca were absent.

Minutes: Minutes of meeting in both April 11th and June 12th were submitted for Council approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Alderman Baker. Alderman Everett provided a second. The motion passed via voice vote with no opposition.

Financial Report: Recorder-Treasurer Wilson presented the financial report for July. Financial summary was:

General Fund:

Checking account.....	\$25,351.13
Undeposited Cash	\$ 339.94
Reserve Fund	\$30,333.76
Total General Fund ...	\$56,024.83

Payroll Fund \$ 455.97

Reader Board Fund \$ 582.41

Street Fund:

Checking Account	\$62,577.22
Reserve Fund	\$37,728.65
Total Street fund	\$100,305.87

Bond & Fine Account \$11,742.74

Court Clerk Account \$25,493.37

Department Head Reports:

All Department Heads submitted written reports. The written reports will be available for inspection upon request. They are filed in a binder in the Recorder's office.

Public Works Manager, David Passmore announced that water had begun to flow into the new water tank and that it would take about 10 days to fill. After it is filled water tests will be conducted by the State Health Department and if the tests are good the tank will be put in use soon after.

Police Chief Richard Friend reported that two drug seized cars were to be auctioned off on Thursday July 20, 2006.

Item 1: Appointment of Alderman to vacant position:

In response to a public invitation for applicants to fill a vacancy on the City Council for Ward 2 Position 1 there were three candidates. They were:

Ms Toni Cobb

Mr. Ricky Tribble

Ms Michelle Adcock

Mayor Davis invited each one to take a few minutes to introduce themselves and state their case. Each Alderman present and Mayor Davis prepared a written secret ballot. It was noted that the Mayor's vote would only be used to break a tie. The possibility of a tie was valid because only four Aldermen were present.

The votes were gathered and given to the Recorder-Treasurer. Recorder-Treasurer Wilson and Fire Chief Aldridge stepped into the hallway and tallied the votes. Upon their return, Recorder-Treasurer Wilson handed Mayor Davis a single piece of paper with the name of the person who received the most votes.

Mayor Davis then announced to the Council that he would entertain a motion to appoint Mr. Rick Tribble to fill the vacant Council chair.

A motion was made by Alderman Baker to appoint Mr. Tribble to fill the vacant Council position. A second was provided by Alderman Smith. In a roll call vote Aldermen Baker, Smith, Holsomback and Everett voted "Yes". Alderman Kemp was absent. There were no "No" votes.

Alderman Tribble was sworn in by Mayor Davis and took his seat.

Item 2.

Project update from Tim Lemons of Lemons Engineering. Mr. Lemons could not attend, however it was announced that filling of the new water tower was underway and would take several days. Mayor Davis projected that if all went well the tower would be placed in use about August 3, 2006.

The Logo design provided by the Logo contest winner, Hayden Cobb, has been submitted to be prepared for application to the water tower. The design will be slightly modified but will still be credited to Hayden.

Concerning the Sewer Treatment plant, progress is being made. Approval has been obtained from all agencies. Advertisement for bid will run in the newspaper next Sunday and will run again in two weeks on August 6th. Bids will be opened at 2:00pm on August 23rd 2006. Construction should begin in September 2006

Item 3: (New Business)

Application for a quite business license in a residential area. Takota Chancellor is the Applicant and wishes to run a dog grooming business out of her home. The application was reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission.

Following some discussion and assurance that no dogs would be running loose and there would not be cases where several dogs would be running in yard at same time etc.. A motion was made by Alderman Baker with a second from Alderman Holsomback to approve the request. In a roll call vote Aldermen Smith, Holsomback

Everett and Baker voted “Yes.” Alderman Tribble voted “No.” Alderman Kemp was absent. The Motion was approved.

Item 4: Towing and storage fees by Metro Towing and Recovery.

A person who had asked to speak about this topic could not attend so Mayor Davis asked for a motion to continue this topic at the next meeting. Alderman Baker moved to table the issue. Alderman Tribble provided a second. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Item 5: Dark Sky Law: Ordinance 2006-06 First reading

An ordinance to let the city opt out of the Dark Sky law. (Ordinance 2006-06)

The Dark Sky law is a federal law but any city may opt to exempt themselves from the law if they choose. Several aldermen did not feel adequately informed the desire to table and gather more information before voting. Alderman Holsomback moved to table the issue. Alderman Tribble provided a second. In a roll call vote Aldermen Holsomback and Tribble voted “Yes.” Aldermen Baker, Smith and Everett voted “No.” The motion failed.

After several minutes of continued discussion Alderman Everett moved that Ordinance 2006-06 (Dark Sky Opt Out) be approved. Alderman Smith provided a second. In a roll call vote Aldermen Everett, Baker and Smith voted “yes”. Aldermen Tribble and Holsomback voted “No”. Alderman Kemp was absent. Mayor Davis cast the deciding vote and voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

Two more readings are required before the Ordinance will become law.

Item 6: Sidewalk Project from Carrington Place to Vimy Ridge.

It has been proposed that a sidewalk along County Line road would improve the safety factor for people who must walk along that area. Especially children going to Davis School. Also cost of such a project could be quite low if some of the materials and engineering needs were donated by the developers working in the area. Mayor Davis stated that it could be done for about \$25,000.00, or less.

Discussion indicated agreement for the concept but there were concerns that there were other needs where the city might benefit more. Specific discussion centered on a drainage problem in Southfork. After several minutes of discussion it was agreed to leave this issue as a possible future project with no action taken at this time.

Item 7: Resolution 2006-05 (Section 218 agreement)

Recorder-Treasurer Wilson explained the purpose and need for the resolution. Following a brief discussion Alderman Everett made a motion to approve the resolution. Alderman Holsomback provided a second. IN a roll call vote Aldermen Everett, Baker, Tribble, Smith and Holsomback voted “yes”. Alderman Kemp was absent.

Comments:

Mr. Robert Miller asked about the office hours of the Recorder-Treasurer. Mayor Davis stated that he had no “set” hours. Recorder-Treasurer Wilson stated that he was available 24/7.

An unidentified citizen asked about getting a neighbor to clean up his yard. It was a

snake and health hazard. Mayor Davis stated that he would be there tomorrow to talk to the owner of the lot.

Another citizen brought up how his driveway had been damaged during some work by the city. He asked that they return and repair the ruff area. He is blind and ruff walkways are dangerous for him. Mayor Davis assured him that they would look into it and repair it.

Alderman Kemp arrived and announced that he is a new Grandpa!

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderman Baker. A second was supplied by Alderman Tribble. Motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8.15pm.

Date: _____

Approved: _____
Larance Davis, Mayor

Attest: _____
Curt Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer